

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 43-62 and 64-67 are pending in this application. Claims 1-24 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by a previous amendment. Non-elected claims 25-42 and 63 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by this Amendment. Claims 45, 50, 52, 54, 55, 57 and 64-67 have been amended to correct minor inconsistencies in punctuation.

**II. Indication of Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks Examiner Webman for the allowance of claims 43-62 and 64-67 in the Office Action mailed December 9, 2003. All remaining non-elected claims have been cancelled by this Amendment. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that, since all pending claims are now allowed, the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance and quickly pass this case to issue.

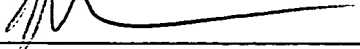
**III. Conclusion**

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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